

REMARKS

Claims 1-9 are now pending in the application. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejection(s) in view of the remarks contained herein.

Applicant would like to thank Examiner Luan Thai for courtesy extended during the interview on March 31, 2005. During the interview, the Examiner agreed that Claims 1-9 distinguish over the prior art of record. A copy of the Examiner Interview Summary is attached hereto.

Claims 1-4 and 6-9 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Schoenfeld (U.S. Pat. No. 6,348,400). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

As best understood by Applicant, Schoenfeld does not show, teach or suggest the input/output bond pad to receive an input/output bond wire operable for electrically connecting to a package. The semiconductor die in Schoenfeld '400 is shown connected to lead fingers of a lead frame.

For at least the foregoing reason, Claim 1 is allowable over the prior art of record. Claims 2-9 depend therefrom and are allowable for at least similar reasons.

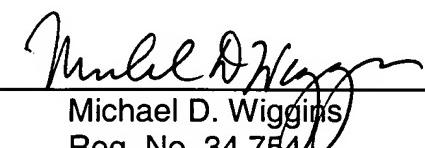
It is believed that all of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all presently outstanding rejections. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action, and as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If the

Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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